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(06.0505) VISIT OF DR. RUTH TURNER AND WALTER NELSON

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1. EMB INFORMED METAL'NIKOV ON JULY 27 THAT TURNER AND NELSON HAD BEEN FORCED TO CANCEL VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION. WE STRESSED SERIOUS VIEW WE TOOK OF SOVIET EQUIVOCATION, WHICH HAD FORCED THE CANCELLATION OF PREVIOUSLY AGREED JOINT WORK. WE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT FUTURE PLANNING FOR SUCH VISITS WOULD BE BETTER COORDINATED. METAL'NIKOV NOTED THAT BUSY SCHEDULES OF U.S. AND SOVIET SCIENTISTS OFTEN CAUSE THEM TO POSTPONE PLANNED VISITS. EMBOFF, HOWEVER, STRESSED THAT PROBLEMS IN THE TURNER/NELSON VISIT DID NOT STEM FROM CROWDED PERSONAL SCHEDULES OF INDIVIDUAL SCIENTISTS, BUT WERE RESULT OF SOVIET INABILITY TO INFORM US WHETHER THE U.S. SCIENTISTS WOULD RECEIVE OFFICIAL PERMISSION TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW U.S. SCIENTISTS TO MAKE THE NECESSARY PREPARATION FOR TRAVEL.

2. FYI. IN 26 JULY CONVERSATION, METAL'NIKOV HAD EXPLAINED
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THAT QUESTION OF VISIT "TO NAKHODKA" HAD GONE TO ACADEMY VICE-PRESIDENT SIDERENKO, BUT THAT EARLIEST POSSIBLE DECISION WOULD BE WEEK OF 1 AUGUST. WHEN ASKED ABOUT VLADIVOSTOK, METAL'NIKOV EXPRESSED VIEW THAT IF AMERICAN DELEGATION VISITED NAKHODKA, IT "MIGHT BE POSSIBLE" THROUGH "LOCAL AUTHORITIES" TO ARRANGE TRIP TO VLADIVOSTOK, AND NOTED PRECEDENT "SEVERAL YEARS AGO" WHEN A U.S.

DELEGATION WAS ALLOWED ACCESS TO SEVASTOPOL' BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES.
HE REFUSED T SPECULATE ON POSSIBILITIES EVEN FOR NAKHODKA
VISIT, HOWEVER. METAL'NIKOV ALSO COMPLAINED THAT DISCUSSIONS
AND PLANNING FOR VISIT HAD TAKEN PLACE DURING HIS OWN TWO-
MONTH ABSENCE, AND THAT HE LACKED THE DETAILS AND DOCUMENTS
ON THE PLANNING.
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